I FOUND IT WHILE SEARCHING FOR YOU. YOU'RE GOING TO USE IT TO HELP MASTER, RIGHT?
GOOD JOB FINDING ARLEQUIN'S LOCATION, GRIPPON-SAN.
I CAREFULLY PUT IT IN THE SUITCASE, SHIROGANE.

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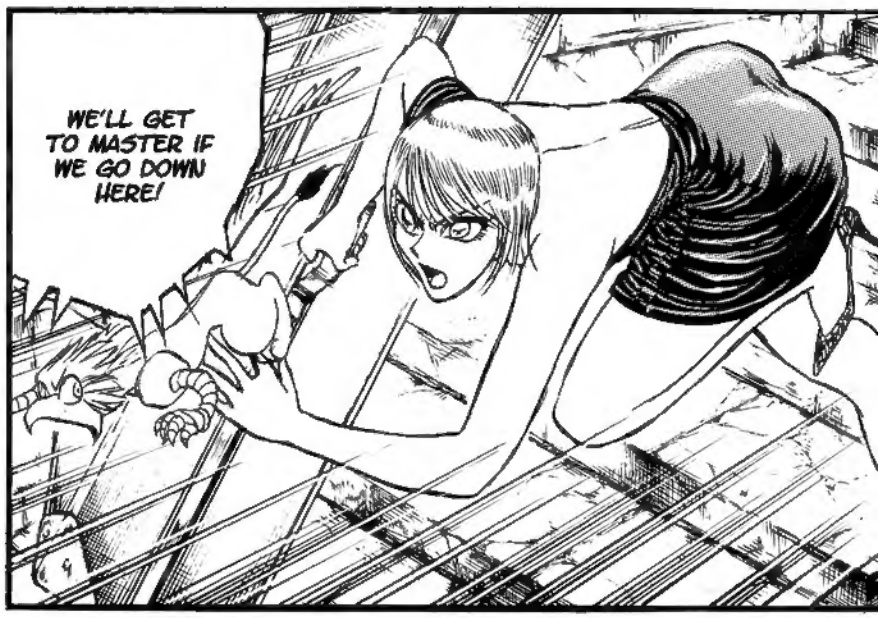
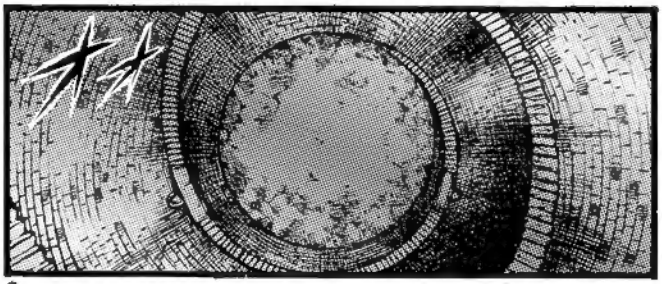
LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING IS HAPPENING IN THE MAIN HALL TOO.
STILL, THIS IS STRANGE. I WAS EXPECTING THERE TO BE ONE OR TWO AUTOMATA GUARDS AT LEAST...

HERE WE ARE.

WHAT'S THE MATTER!?


WE'LL GET TO MASTER IF WE GO DOWN HERE!



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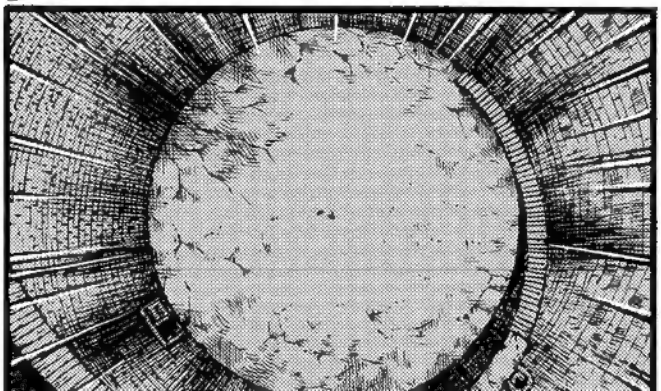
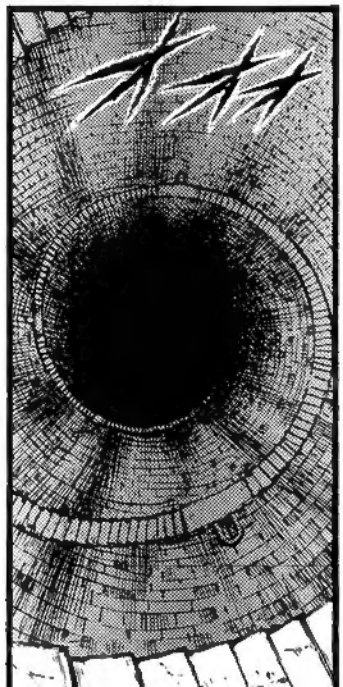
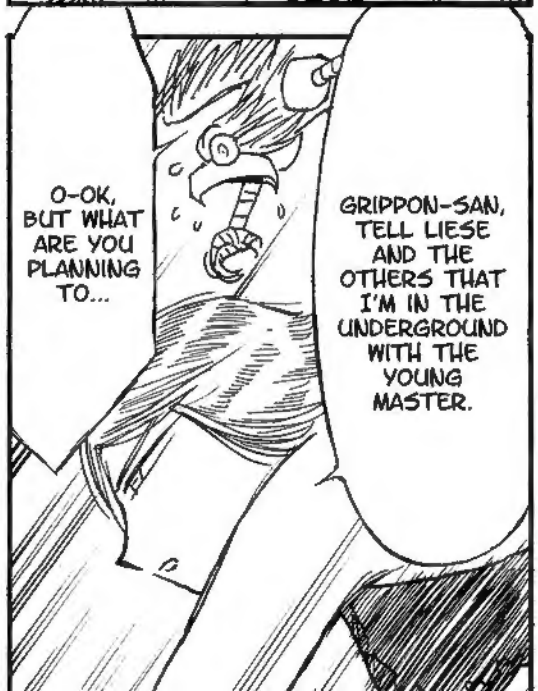


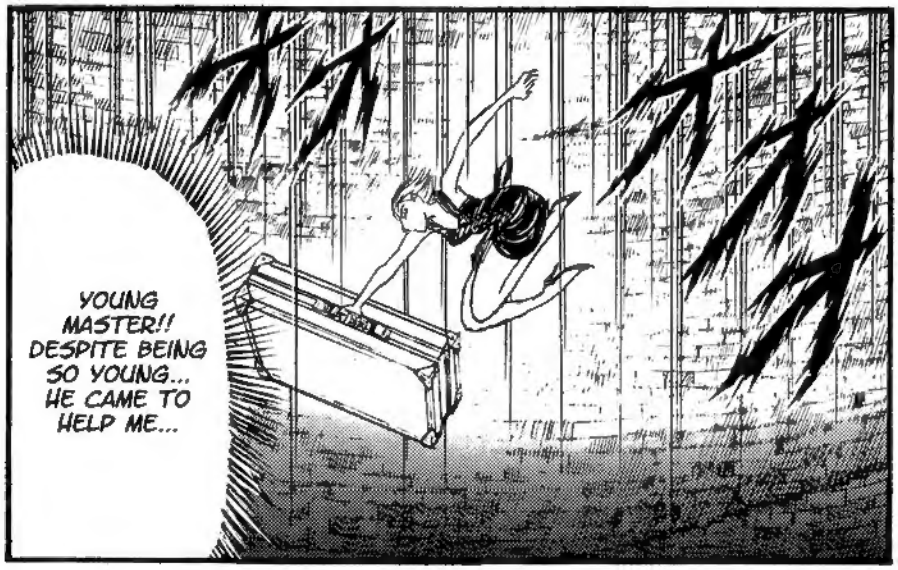


W-
WAIT!

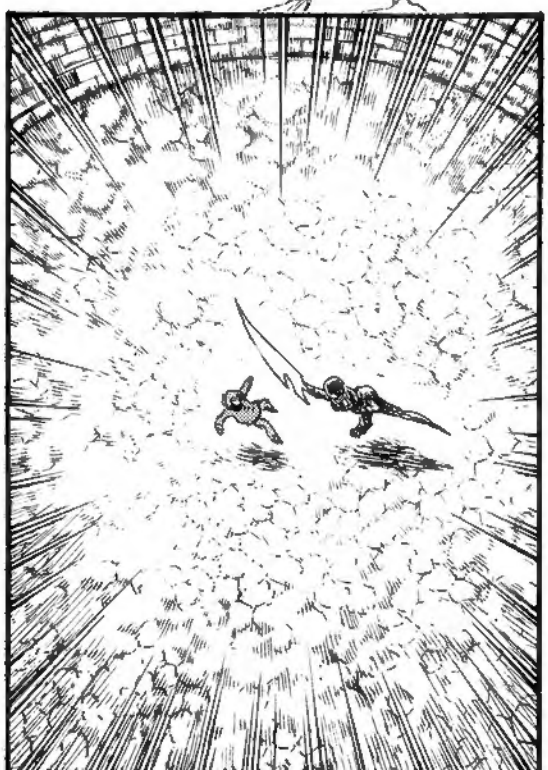
HUH...?
Y-YOU CAN SEE HIM!?
YOUNG MASTER!


O-OK, BUT WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO...
GRIPPON-SAN, TELL LIESE AND THE OTHERS THAT I'M IN THE UNDERGROUND WITH THE YOUNG MASTER.

MASTER WAS RIGHT, SHE'S AN AMAZING WOMAN...
THERE'S HUNDREDS OF METERS UNTIL THE GROUND...! ALMOST 20 FLOORS...!
T-THERE SHE GOES...


YOUNG MASTER!! DESPITE BEING SO YOUNG... HE CAME TO HELP ME...

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT...
IT'S BECAUSE I LOVE SHIROGANE...



I WILL DEFINITELY SAVE YOU!!

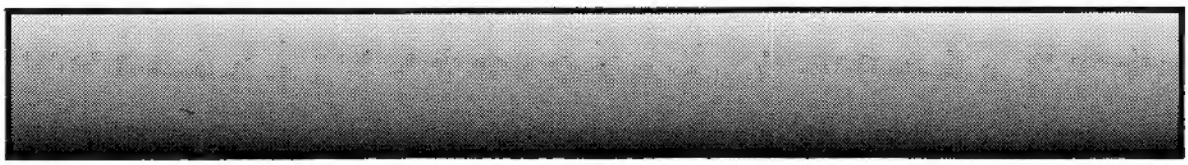
MISS ELEONORE, GOTCHA!

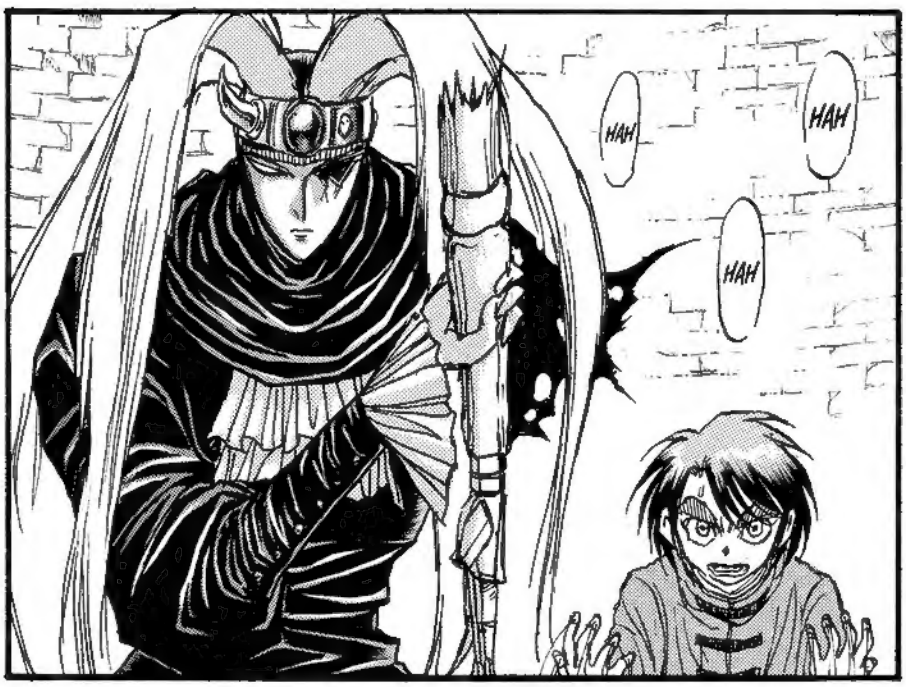
PLEASE, USE THIS!!

UGH ...
YOUNG MASTER!

H-HARLE-QUIN!?
NO GOING DOWN FOR YOU!

YOUNG MASTER!!

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...WITH ONE BLOW... SHIT...
Y-YOU GOT ME...

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AGH ...!!
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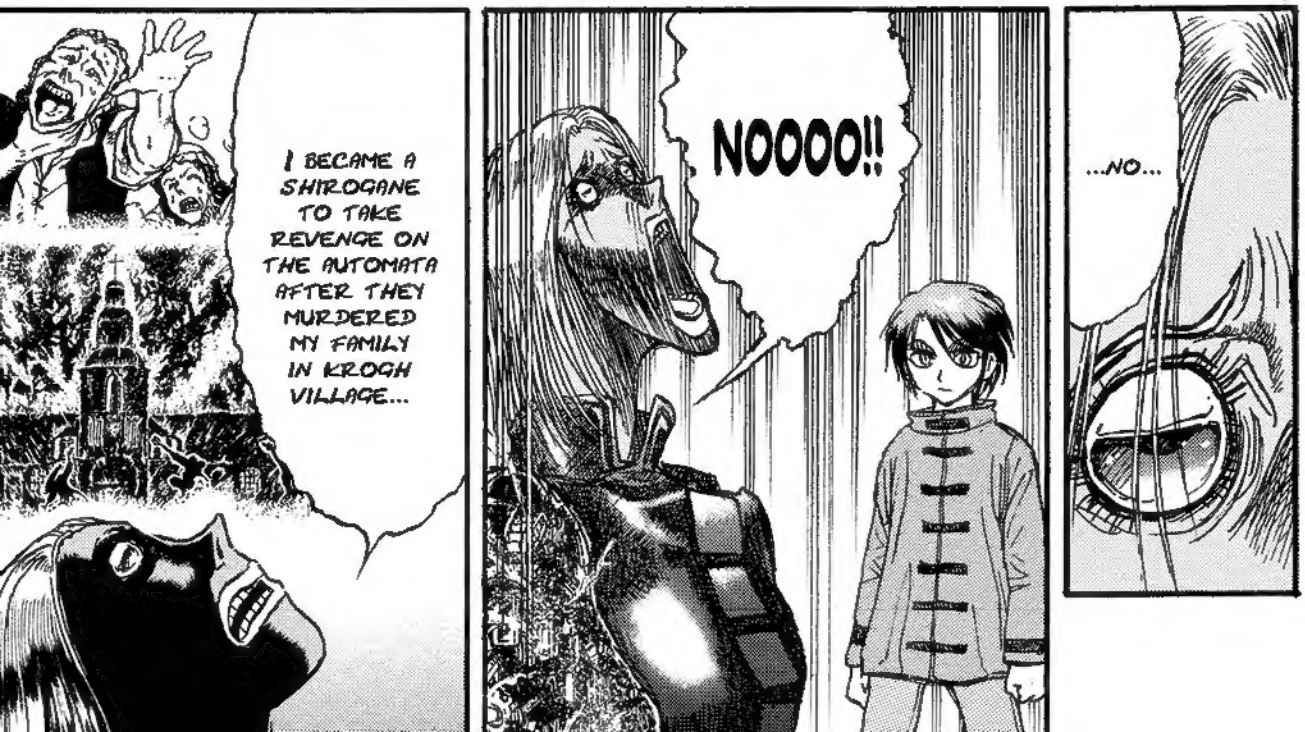
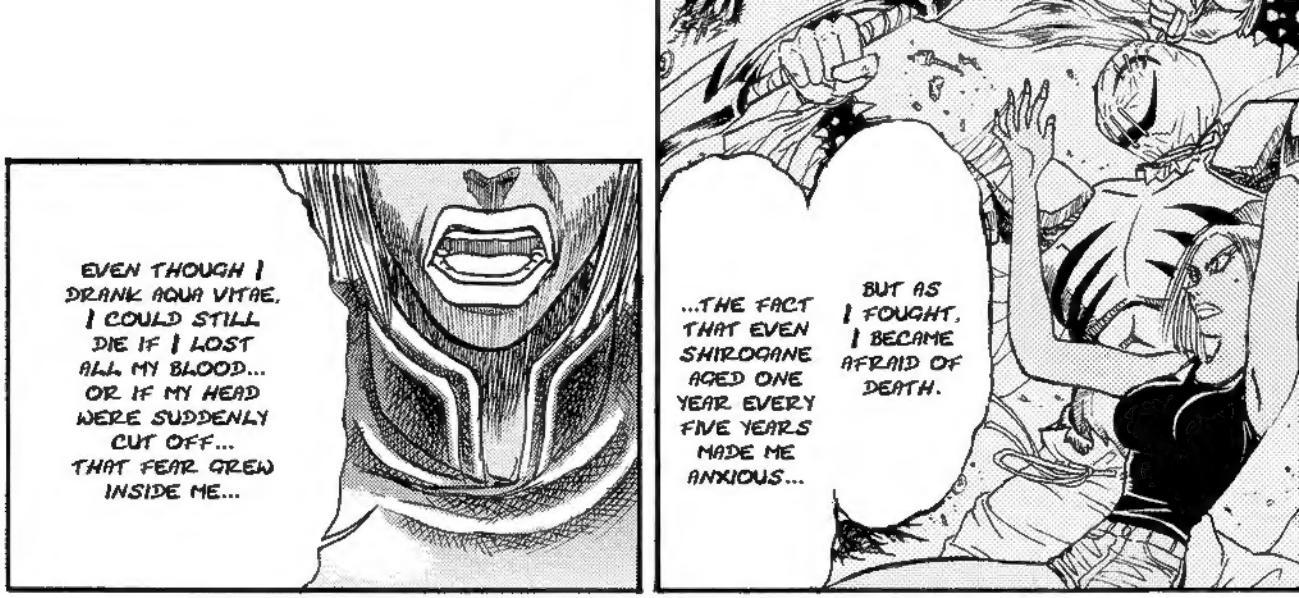
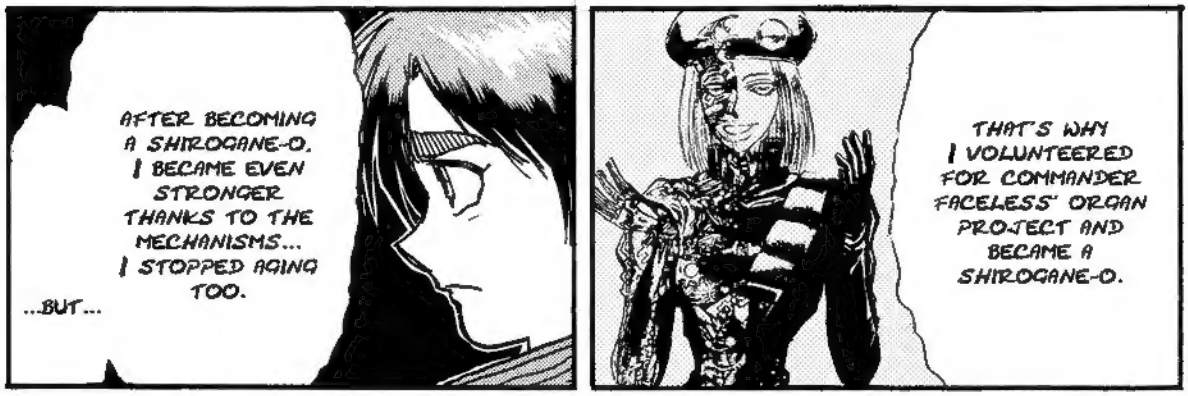
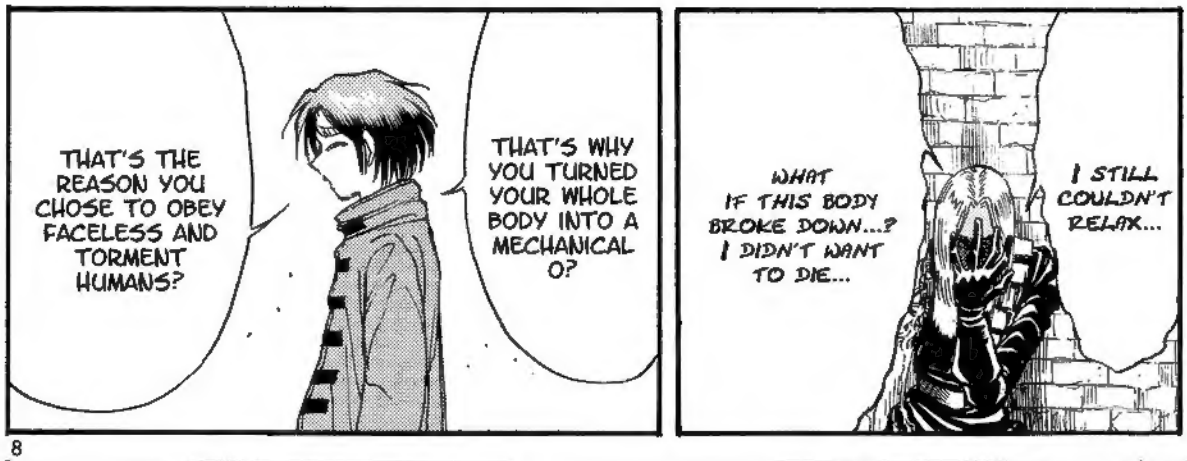
Y-YOU COWARD. MA... SA... RU...
UGH...
WHERE... DID THAT MARIONETTE CAME FROM...?

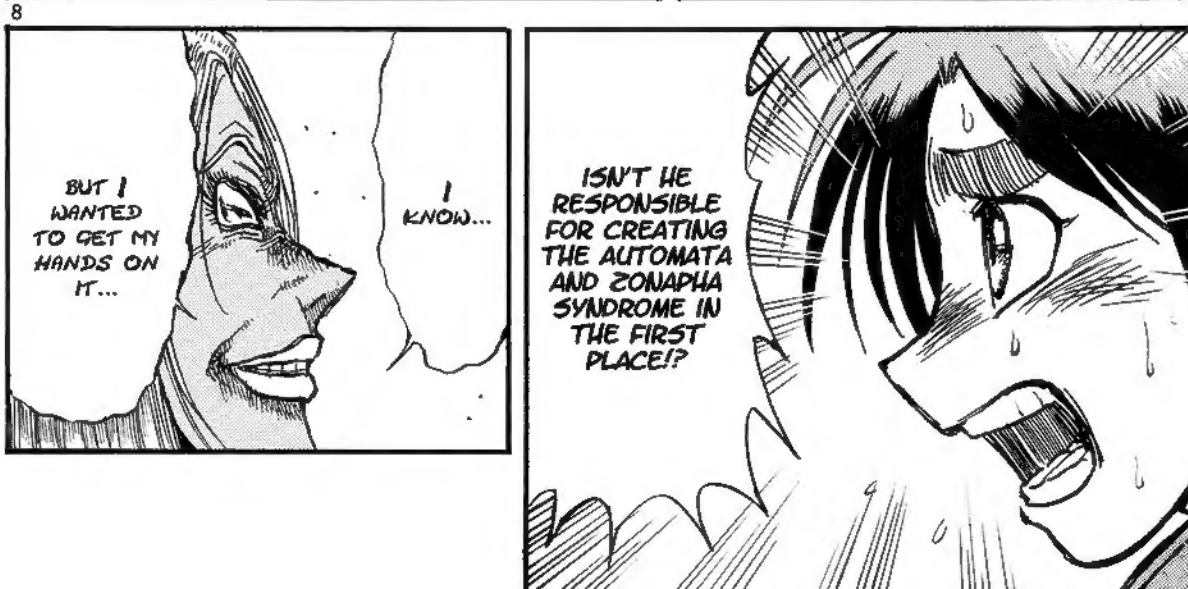
IN THIS CASE... I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RETURN... TO THAT BODY...
...I CAN'T STOP THE SIMULATED FLUIDS... THIS BODY IS DONE FOR...


I BECAME A SHIROGANE TO TAKE REVENGE ON THE AUTOMATA AFTER THEY MURDERED MY FAMILY IN KROGH VILLAGE...
NOOOO!!
...NO...

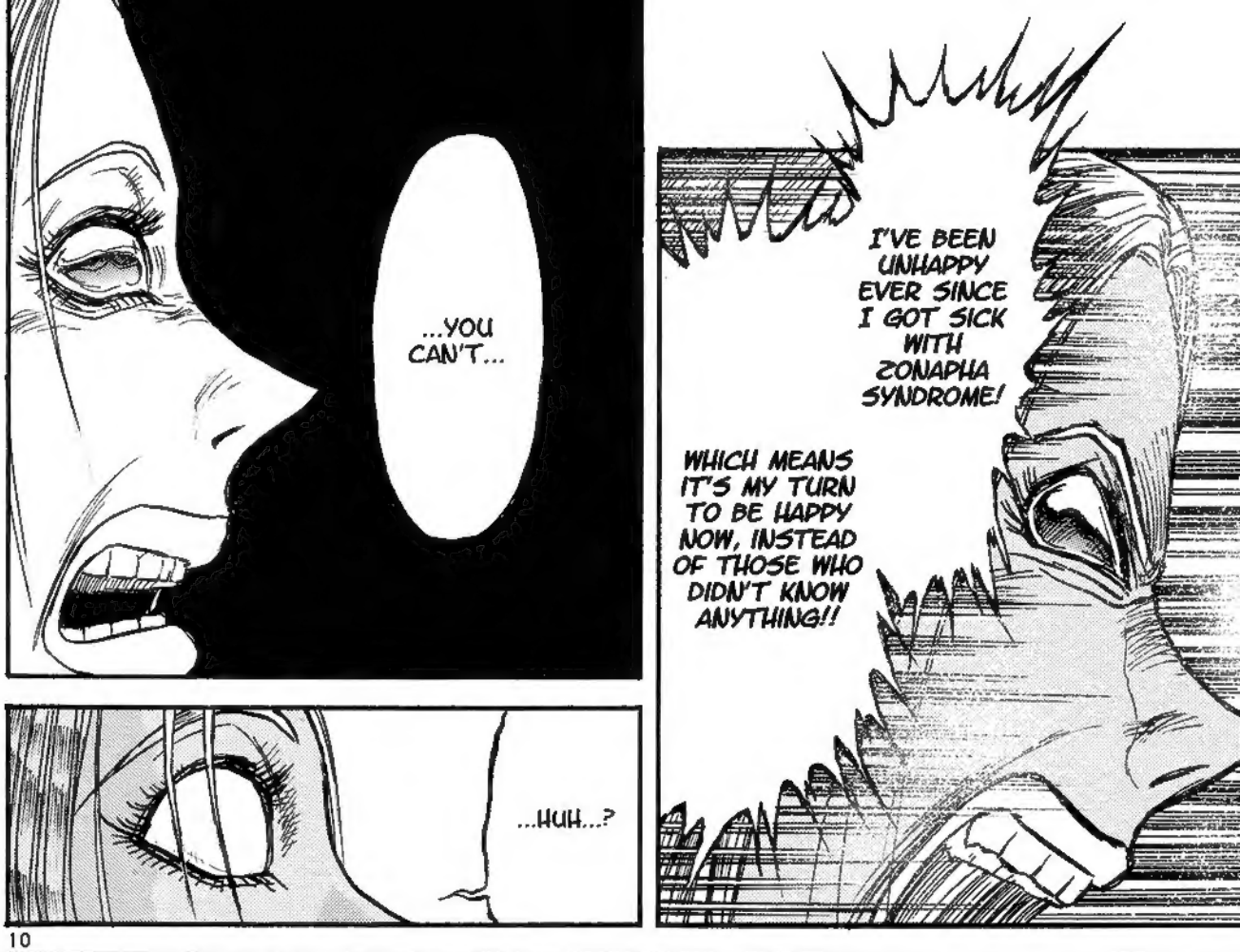

EVEN THOUGH I DRANK AQUA VITAE, I COULD STILL DIE IF I LOST ALL MY BLOOD... OR IF MY HEAD WERE SUDDENLY CUT OFF... THAT FEAR GREW INSIDE ME...
...THE FACT THAT EVEN SHIROGANE AGED ONE YEAR EVERY FIVE YEARS MADE ME ANXIOUS...
BUT AS I FOUGHT, I BECAME AFRAID OF DEATH.


AFTER BECOMING A SHIROGANE-O, I BECAME EVEN STRONGER THANKS TO THE MECHANISMS... I STOPPED AGING TOO.
...BUT...
THAT'S WHY I VOLUNTEERED FOR COMMANDER FACELESS' ORGAN PROJECT AND BECAME A SHIROGANE-O.


THAT'S THE REASON YOU CHOSE TO OBEY FACELESS AND TORMENT HUMANS?
THAT'S WHY YOU TURNED YOUR WHOLE BODY INTO A MECHANICAL O?
WHAT IF THIS BODY BROKE DOWN...? I DIDN'T WANT TO DIE...
I STILL COULDN'T RELAX...

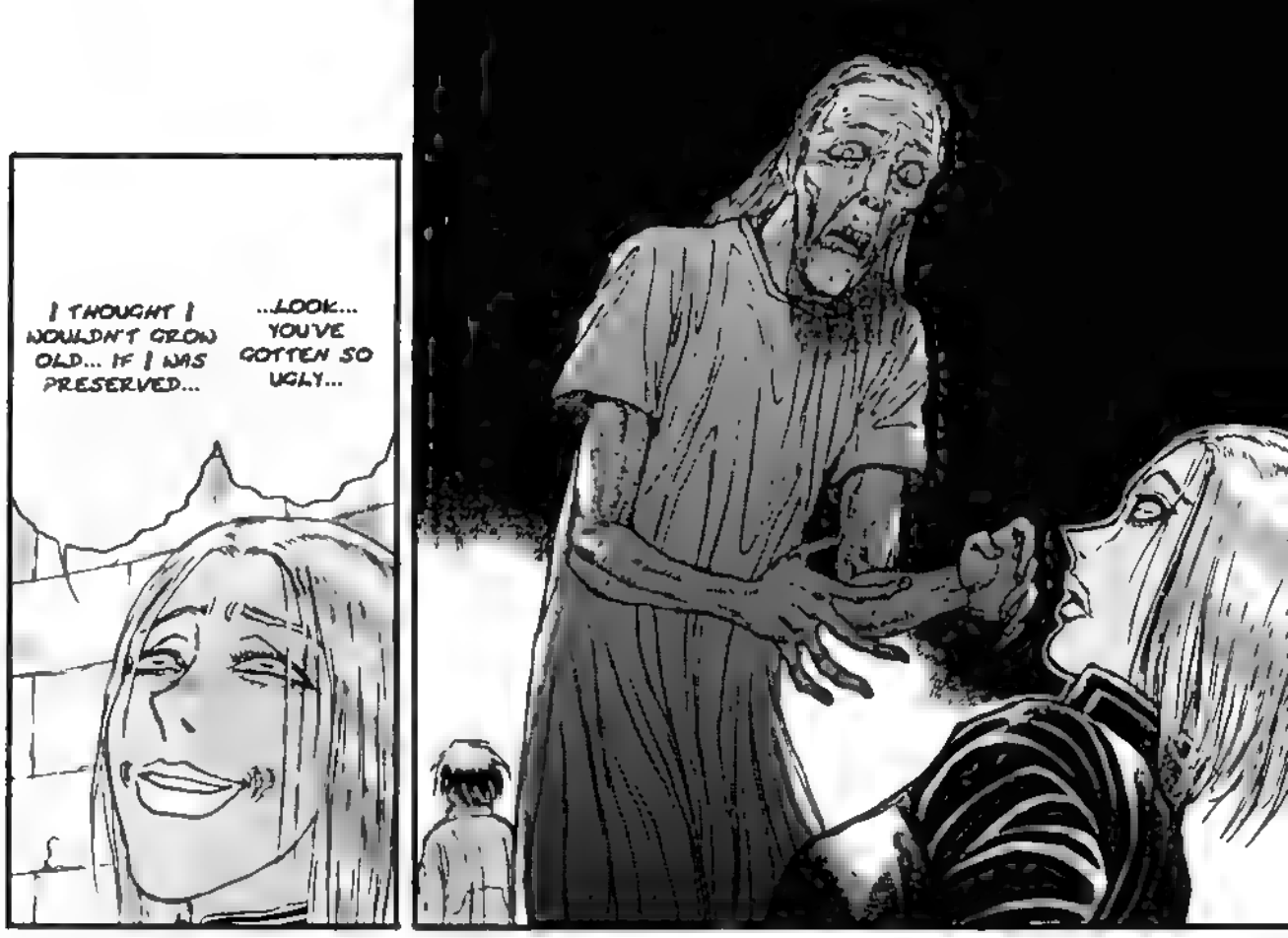

BUT I WANTED TO GET MY HANDS ON IT...
I KNOW...
ISN'T HE RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING THE AUTOMATA AND ZONAPHA SYNDROME IN THE FIRST PLACE!?

...WHO AREN'T SATISFIED WITH THEMSELVES.
I'M SUMMONING THOSE AMONG THE SHIROGANE AND THE SHIROGANE-O...
...BUT WITH AN IMMORTAL BODY?
NAYA, WHY DON'T YOU TRY ALL THE FUN THINGS YOU COULDN'T DO BEFORE...
THAT WAS...
...JUST BEFORE THE SAHARA BATTLE.
I'LL MAKE YOU A BODY THAT CAN LIVE AND DIE COUNTLESS TIMES.
IF YOU JUST FOLLOW WHAT I SAY.
OF COURSE...
AND STILL, MANY SHIROGANE-O DECIDE TO TAKE PART IN IT...
OF COURSE, THERE WERE ALSO SOME SHIROGANE-O WHO COMMANDER FACELESS DIDN'T CALL OUT TO...
AREN'T ALL HUMANS EQUAL!? THAT MEANS I ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HAPPY!
WHY CAN'T I JUST DO WHAT I WANT?


...YOU CAN'T...
...HUH...?
I'VE BEEN UNHAPPY EVER SINCE I GOT SICK WITH ZONAPHA SYNDROME!
WHICH MEANS IT'S MY TURN TO BE HAPPY NOW, INSTEAD OF THOSE WHO DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING!!

YOU CAN'T STEP ON OTHER PEOPLE...
...JUST SO YOU CAN BE HAPPY.

...THAT THE WAY YOU TRIED TO OBTAIN HAPPINESS IS WRONG...
NAYA... I BELIEVE...
...WHA... I CAN'T, YOU SAY...?
YOU'RE JUST A KID... WHAT DO YOU KNOW...
HEY... WAIT... SAIGA... MASARU...
W-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...? OTHER PEOPLE DON'T MATTER AS LONG AS YOU MAKE YOURSELF HAPPY...
THE WHOLE WORLD WILL BE MINE...
I'LL LIVE HAVING FUN... FOR ALL OF ETERNITY...
STAYING BEAUTIFUL... FOREVER...
THAT'S RIGHT ...
I'M.. NOT IN THE WRONG...
AND THEN... AND THEN...
I'LL HAVE THE DIAMONDS AND TOPAZ I LIKE SO MUCH...


I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T GROW OLD... IF I WAS PRESERVED...
...LOOK... YOU'VE GOTTEN SO UGLY...

NOOO...
...I DON'T WANT TO RETURN TO THIS BODY...
NO...
OHHH...

OOOH

I DON'T WANT TO DIE...!!

YOU'RE PITIFUL, NAYA.
...I'M AFRAID OF DYING, TOO...
.....
AHHH ...
SHE DROPPED AR-LEQUIN.
RIGHT, SHIRO-GANE...
!
NAYA, I'LL LIVE WITH THIS BODY UNTIL THE DAY I DIE!
AHAHAHAHA
SHIROGANE'S UPSTAIRS!
IN THAT CASE... IT WON'T TAKE LONG...

YOUNG MASTER! RUN AWAY!!

SHIRO-GANE!!
FACE-LESS!

I'M GLAD I WASN'T BORN A CHILD LIKE YOU.
HOW SHAMEFUL IT MUST BE TO BE HELPED BY THE SAME MISS ELEONORE YOU WERE TRYING TO SAVE.
GOOD FOR YOU, MASARU. ELEONORE THREW THAT MARIONETTE TO YOU...
MISS ELEONORE THROWING HIM ARLEQUIN IS NOTHING COMPARED TO IT.
GIVE HIM A REST, WILL YA? JUST THINK ABOUT WHAT MISTER MASARU WENT THROUGH THIS ENTIRE YEAR.
YOU FIENDS! JUST TRY LAYING ONE FINGER ON THE YOUNG MASTER AND I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!
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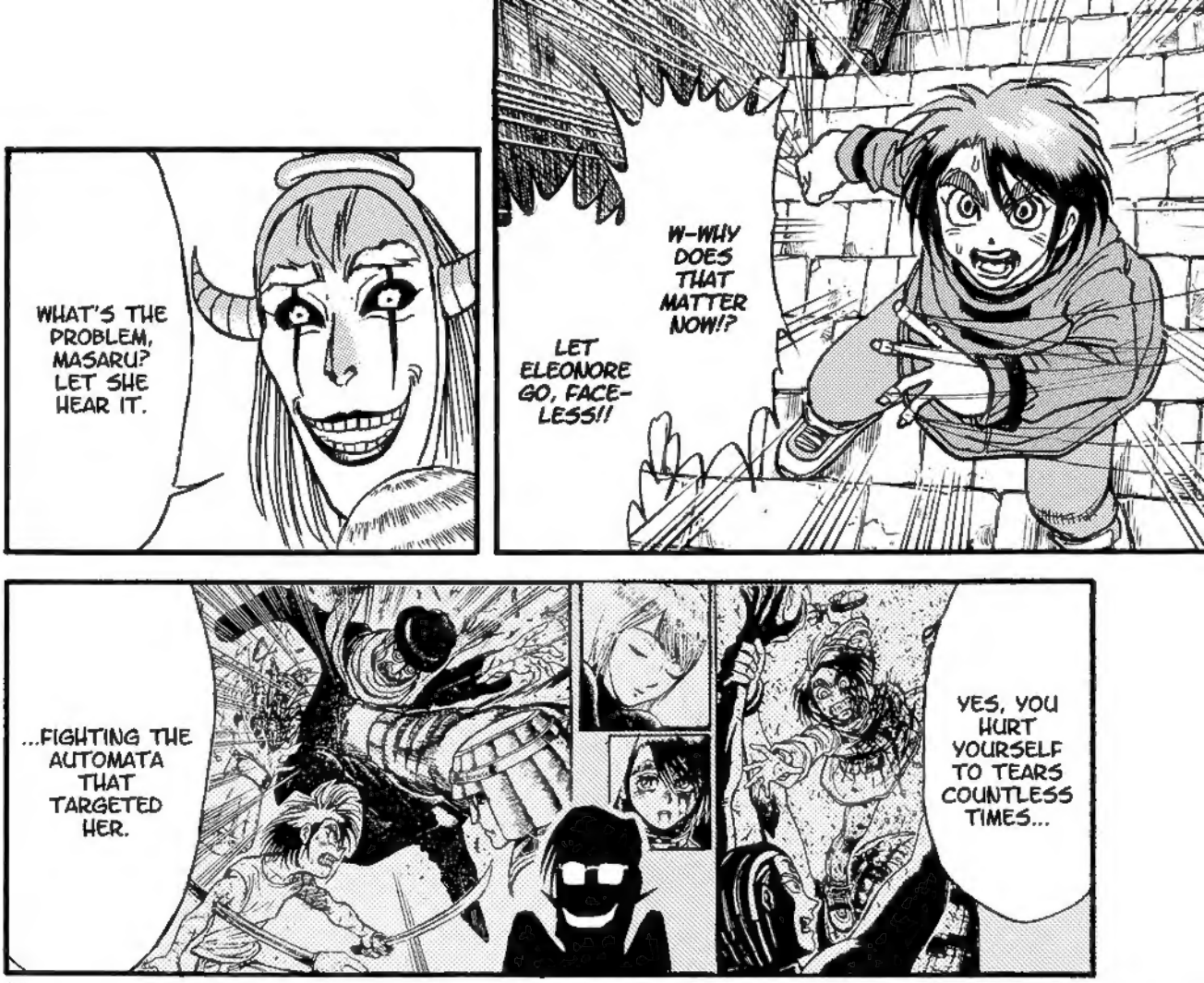
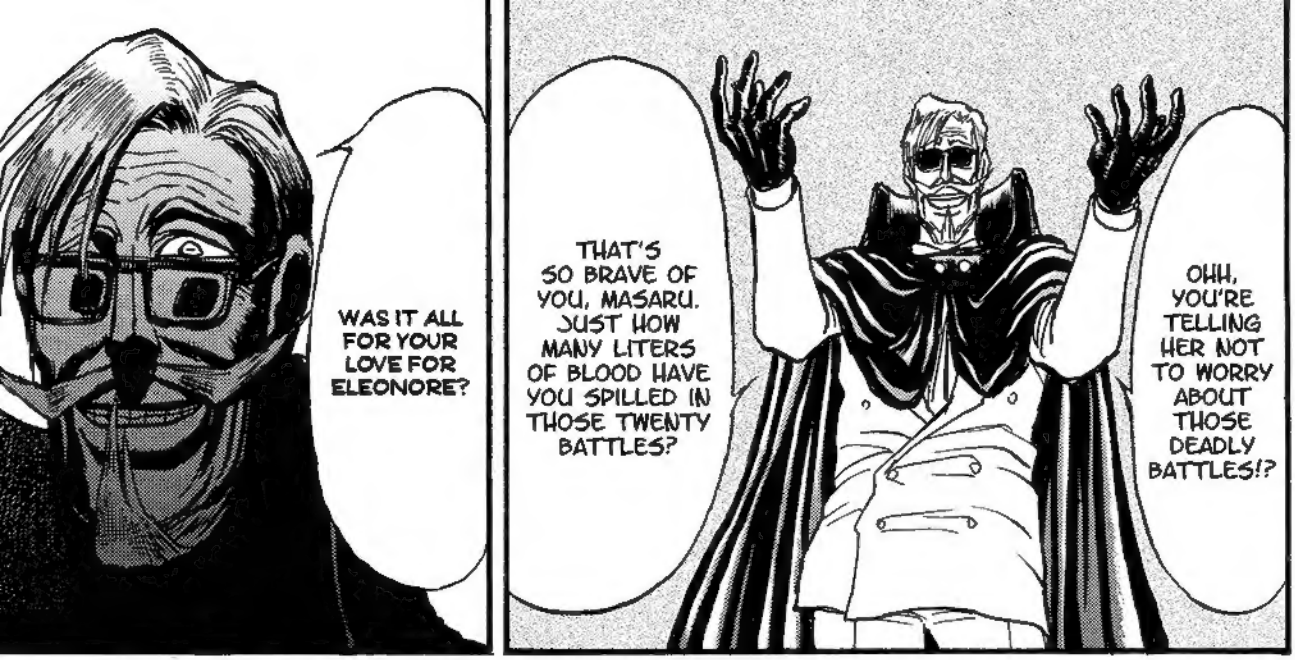
HUHUHUH... YOU'RE RIGHT... AFTER ALL, IN THE GAME THAT MASARU AND I PLAYED THROUGH THIS YEAR...
...!!
WHAT... DO YOU MEAN?
...HE DESPERATELY PROTECTED ELEONORE FROM THE AUTOMATA.


W-WHY DOES THAT MATTER NOW!?
LET ELEONORE GO, FACE-LESS!!
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, MASARU? LET SHE HEAR IT.
YES, YOU HURT YOURSELF TO TEARS COUNTLESS TIMES...
...FIGHTING THE AUTOMATA THAT TARGETED HER.

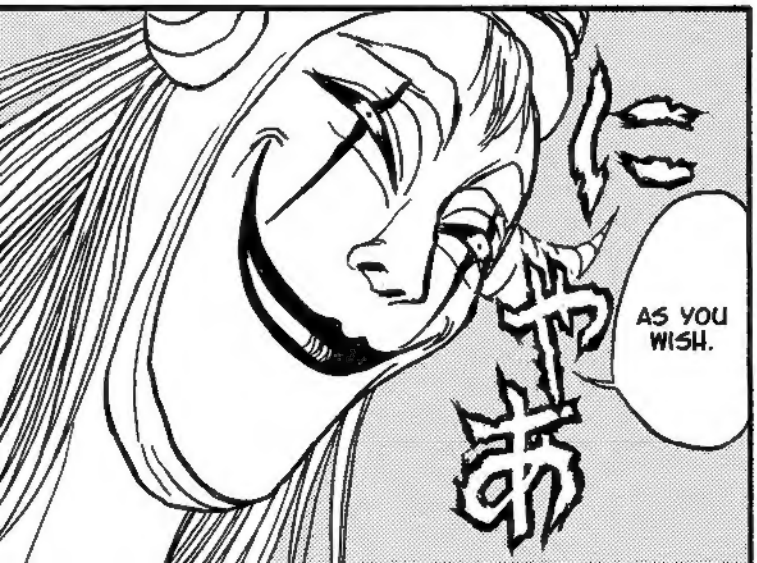
SHUT UP! I CHOSE TO DO THAT MYSELF!!
Y-YOUNG MASTER...
I... HAD NO IDEA...
ALL WHILE YOU WERE SOUND ASLEEP, ELEONORE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, SHIRO-GANE.
I'M FINE...


WAS IT ALL FOR YOUR LOVE FOR ELEONORE?
THAT'S SO BRAVE OF YOU, MASARU. JUST HOW MANY LITERS OF BLOOD HAVE YOU SPILLED IN THOSE TWENTY BATTLES?
OHH, YOU'RE TELLING HER NOT TO WORRY ABOUT THOSE DEADLY BATTLES!?

BUT I'LL SAVE SHIROGANE!!
I WON'T ANSWER YOU!

HARLEQUIN, GO AHEAD WITH ELEONORE.

I SEE... IN THAT CASE, I'LL KILL YOU MYSELF.


AS YOU WISH.

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE ...
WAIT FOR ME, SHIRO-GANE...
YOUNG MASTER ...
WELL, FAREWELL.
THEN, SHALL WE BEGIN, MASARU...?